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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, October 30, 2017

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Weather Threats: North-Central mountains in NM will see an inch to around a half foot of snow possible starting today into Tuesday.

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Key Points



Today

- Rain/snow mix will be possible over N-Central NM at elevations near and below 7500ft today and tonight with little to no accumulation; elevations near and above 9000ft may see accumulations of a few inches to a half foot of snow

Tuesday

- North-Central mountains in NM will see a few inches to around a half foot of snow possible by Tuesday morning with snow tapering off by Tuesday afternoon
- A few strong to severe storms possible over S TX during the day; a brief/weak tornado possible, or small hail and gusty winds
- Some isolated heavy rainfall is possible over the Central TX Coast Tuesday night into Wednesday morning

Wednesday - Friday

- Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected across eastern portions of the Region, but severe weather and/or heavy rainfall/flooding is not anticipated

Tropical Outlook

- A non-tropical low pressure system located about 1000 miles east of Bermuda is producing some disorganized shower and thunderstorm activity. This low could gradually acquire some subtropical or tropical characteristics by the middle of the week while it meanders over the central Atlantic Ocean between Bermuda and the Azores.
 - Formation chance through 48 hours...low...20 percent.
 - Formation chance through 5 days...medium...40 percent.

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Oct 30, 2017 through Nov 3, 2017

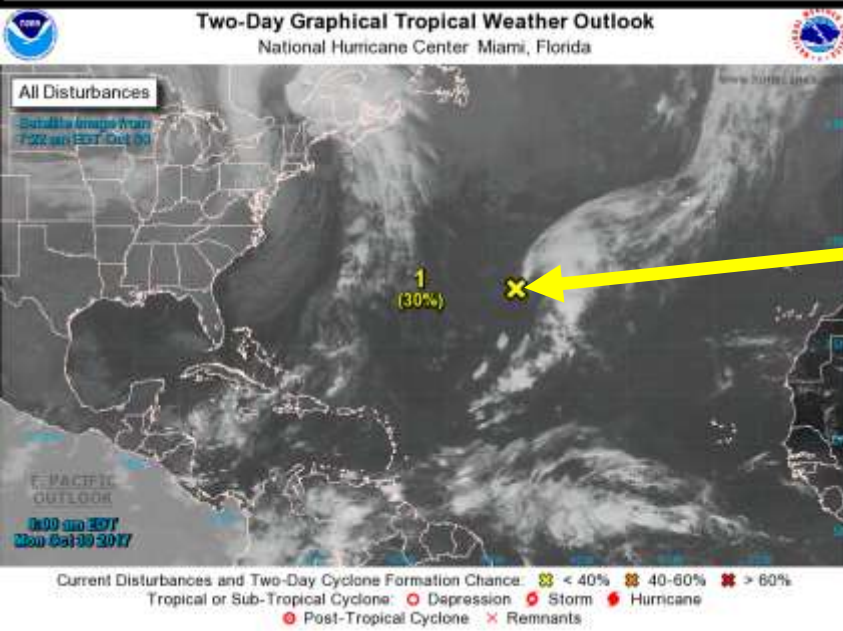
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Severe Weather		S TX			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		Central TX Coast			
Fire Weather					
Winter	N-Cntrl NM	N-Cntrl NM			
River Flooding					
Tropical Weather					

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

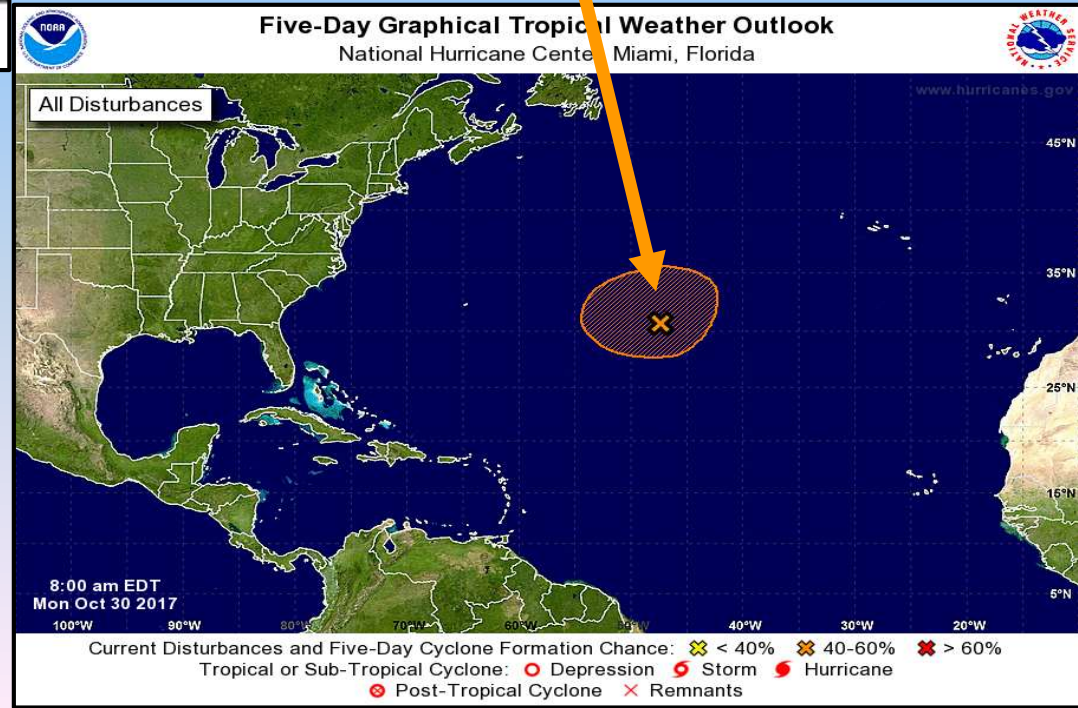


Tropical Weather Outlook



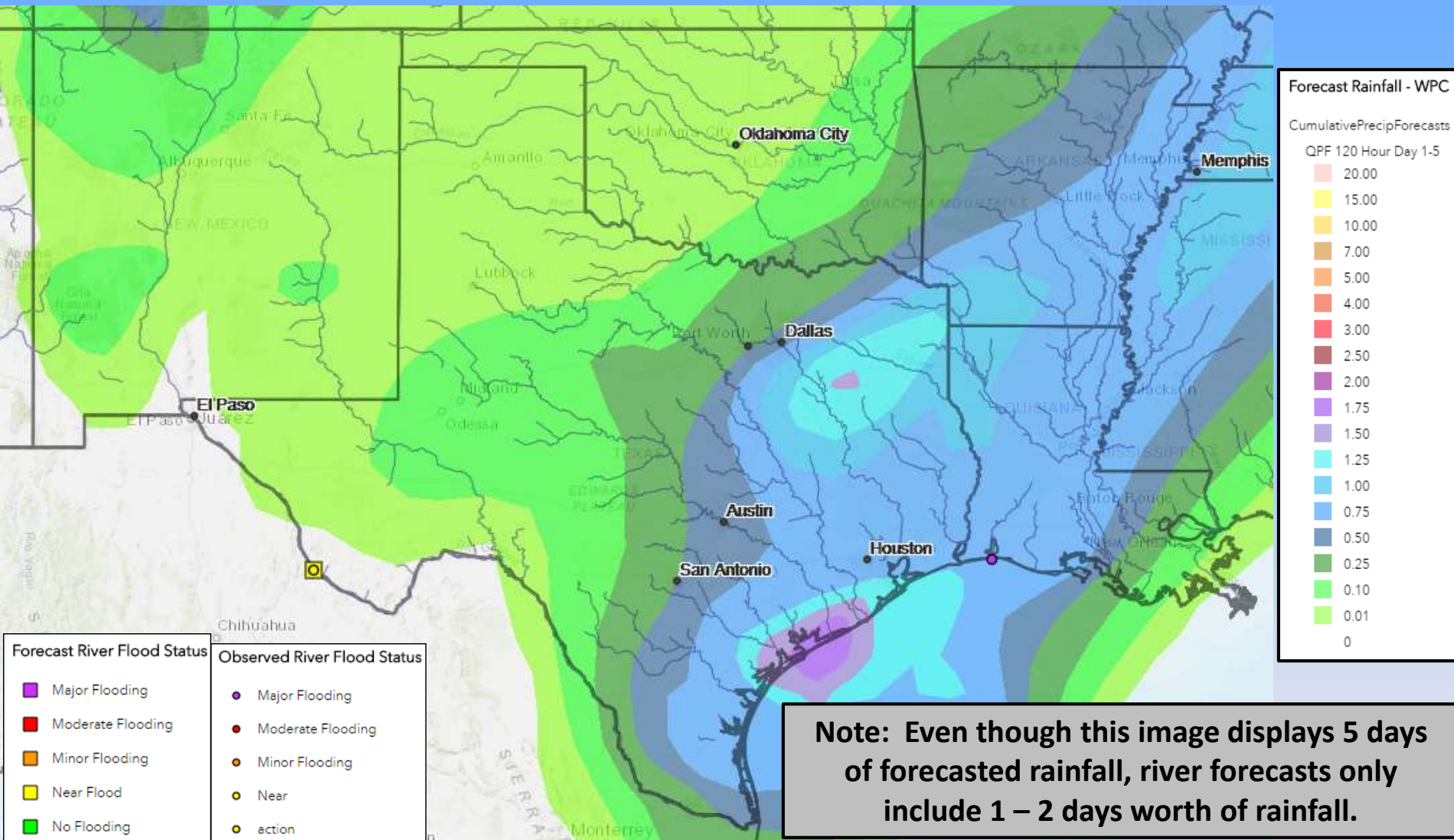
A well defined, non-tropical low pressure system located about 1000 miles east of Bermuda is producing a large area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms, mainly northeast through southeast of the center. This low could gradually acquire some subtropical or tropical characteristics by the middle of the week while it meanders over the central Atlantic Ocean between Bermuda and the Azores.

- Formation chance through 48 hours...low...30 percent.
- Formation chance through 5 days...medium...40 percent.



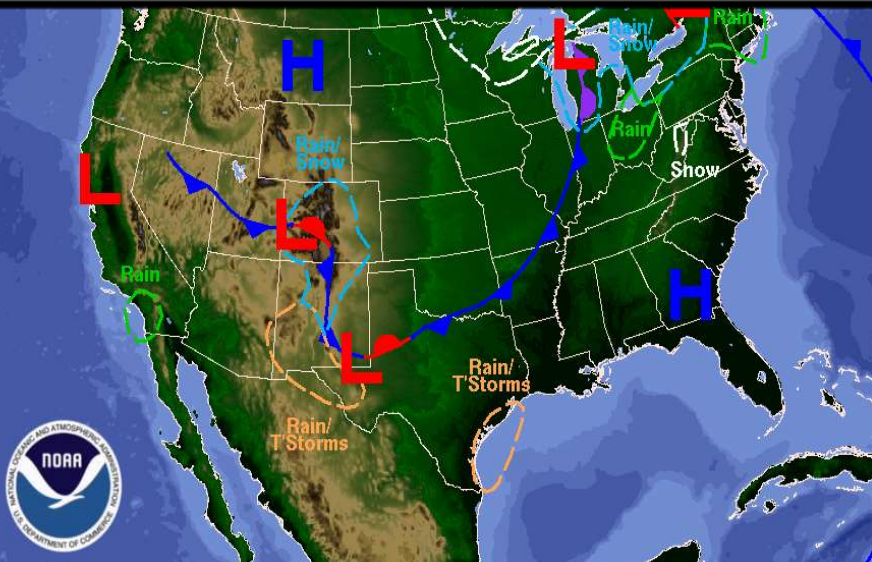
5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

No significant river flooding is occurring or expected.



For the latest on river flooding: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps>

Today's Weather

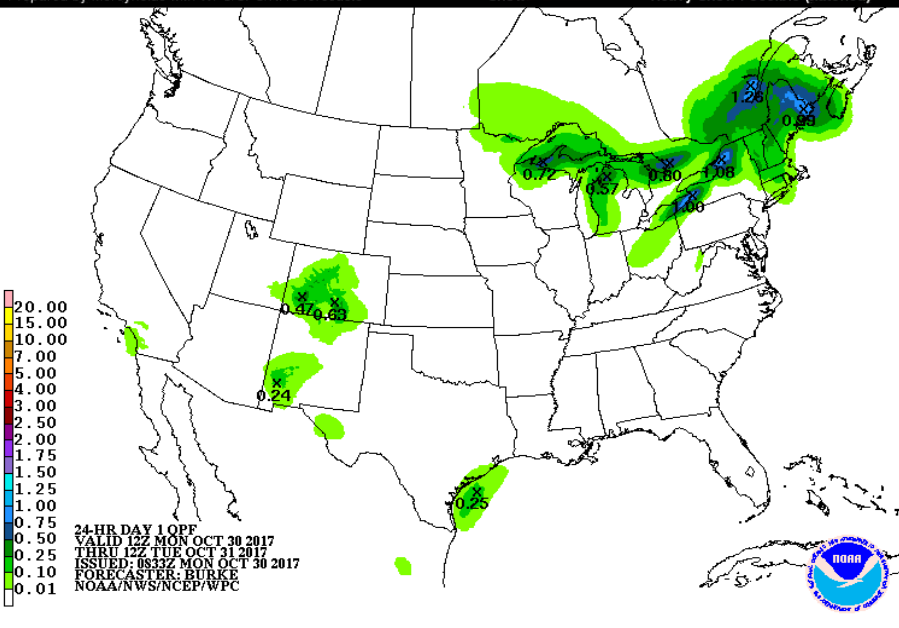


Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Oct 30, 2017, issued 4:58 AM EDT
 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
 Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
 Rain and T'Storms
 Rain and Snow
 Snow
 Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
 Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
 Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
 Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

A mix of rain and snow will be possible at elevations near and below 7500ft today and tonight across N-Central NM with little to no accumulation; greatest focus for snow accumulations will be at elevations near and above 9000ft with a few inches to a half foot of snow expected.



24 HR DAY 1 OUTFLOW
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 NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

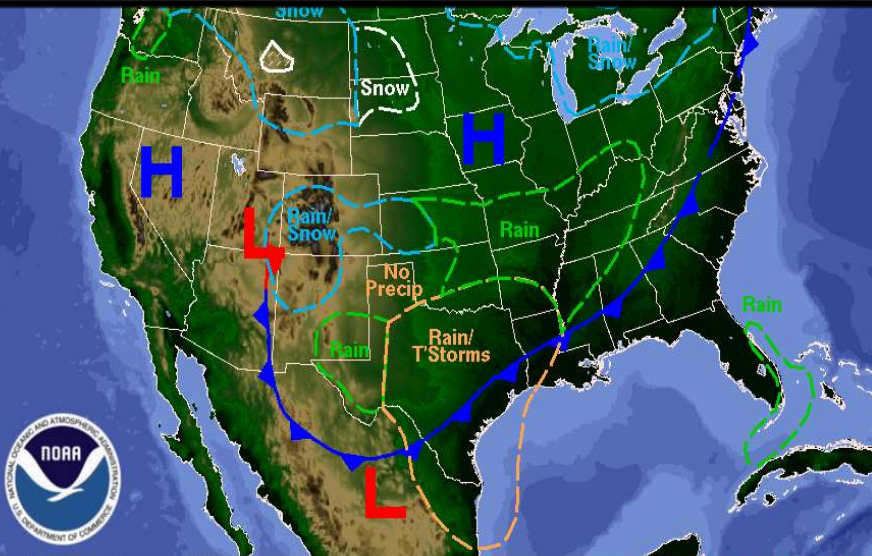


**Severe Weather Outlook
 Monday, October 30, 2017**

Last Updated: Oct 29 2017 11:45 PM CDT
 Valid Until: Oct 31 2017 07:00 AM CDT

5 High
 4 Moderate
 3 Enhanced
 2 Slight
 1 Marginal
 Thunder

Tomorrow's Weather



Day 2 National Forecast Chart

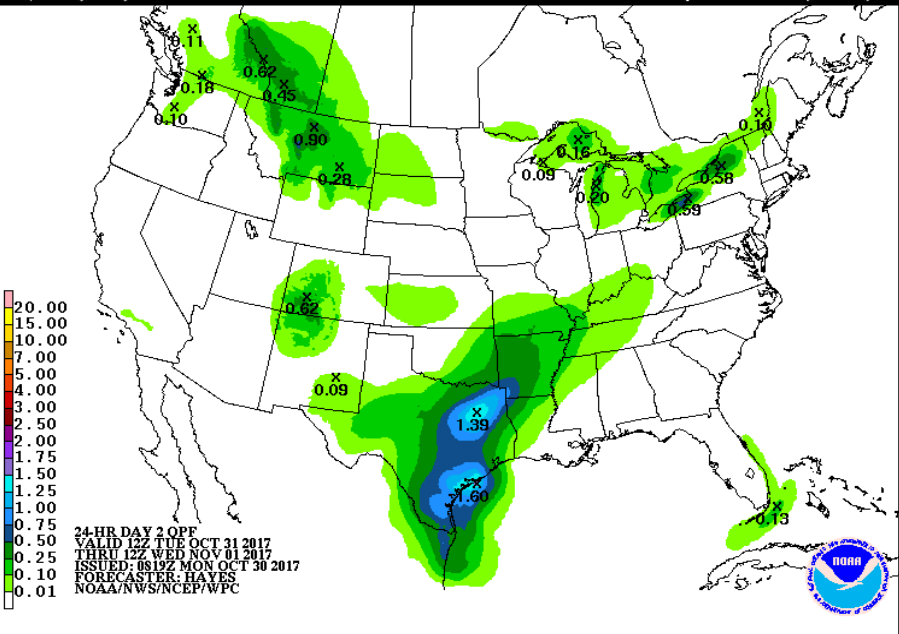
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 Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
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Severe Weather Outlook Tuesday, October 31, 2017

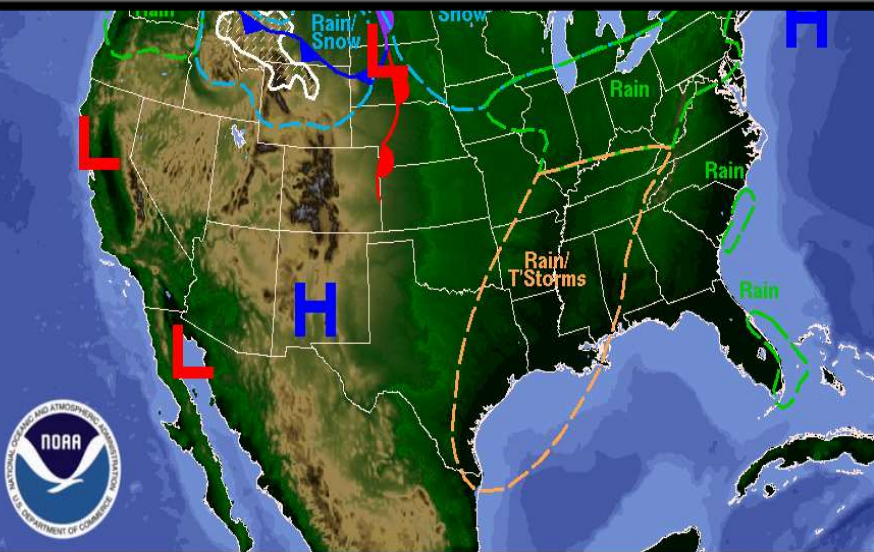
Last updated: Oct 30 2017 1200 AM CDT
 Valid Until: Nov 01 2017 0700 AM CDT



National Weather Service
 Storm Prediction Center
<http://www.spc.noaa.gov>

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- 4 Moderate
- 3 Enhanced
- 2 Slight
- 1 Marginal
- Thunder

Wednesday's Weather

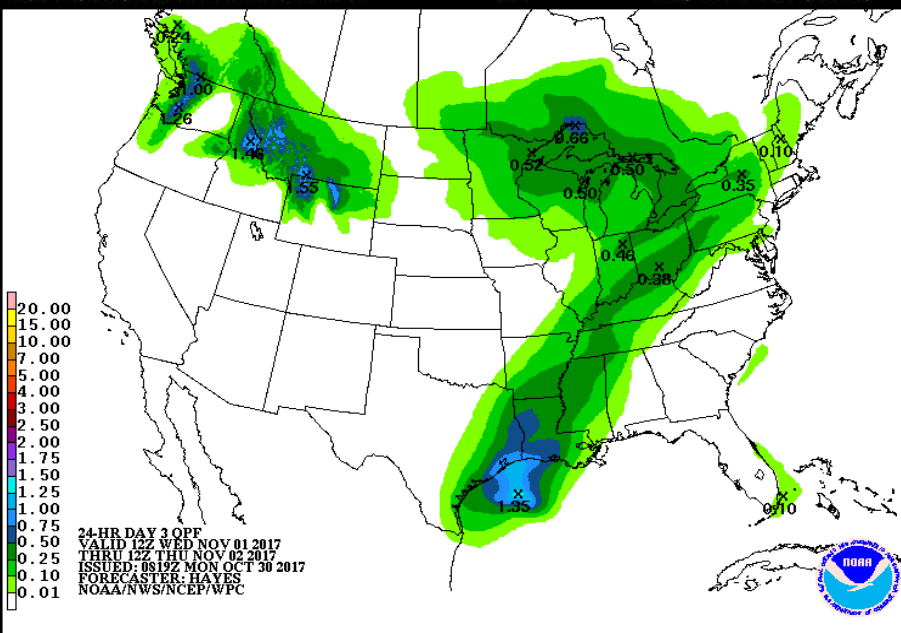


Day 3 National Forecast Chart

Valid Wed, Nov 01, 2017, issued 5:05 AM EDT Mon, Oct 30, 2017
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Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected across southeastern portions of the Region; severe weather and/or heavy rainfall/flash flooding is not anticipated.

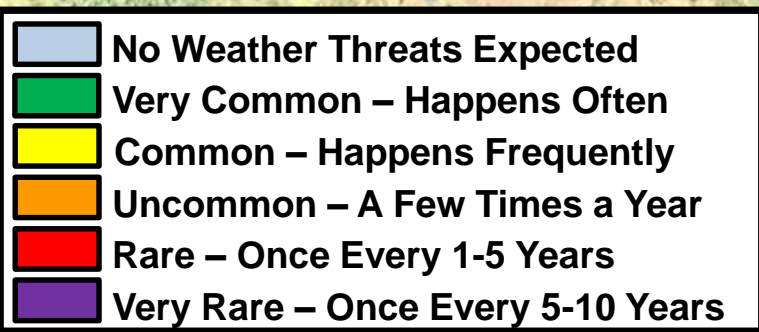


Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Thu - 0800 Sat



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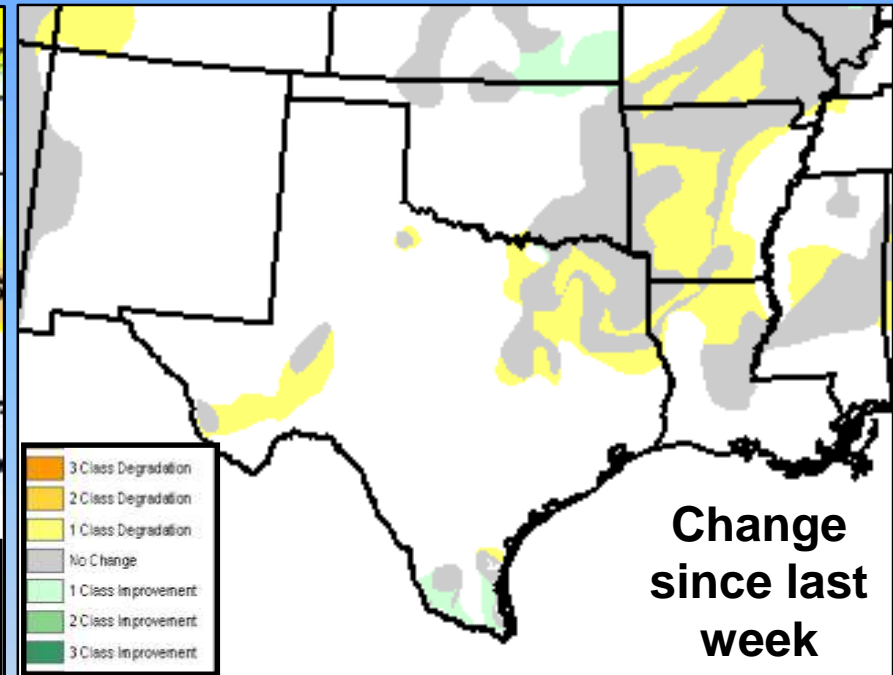
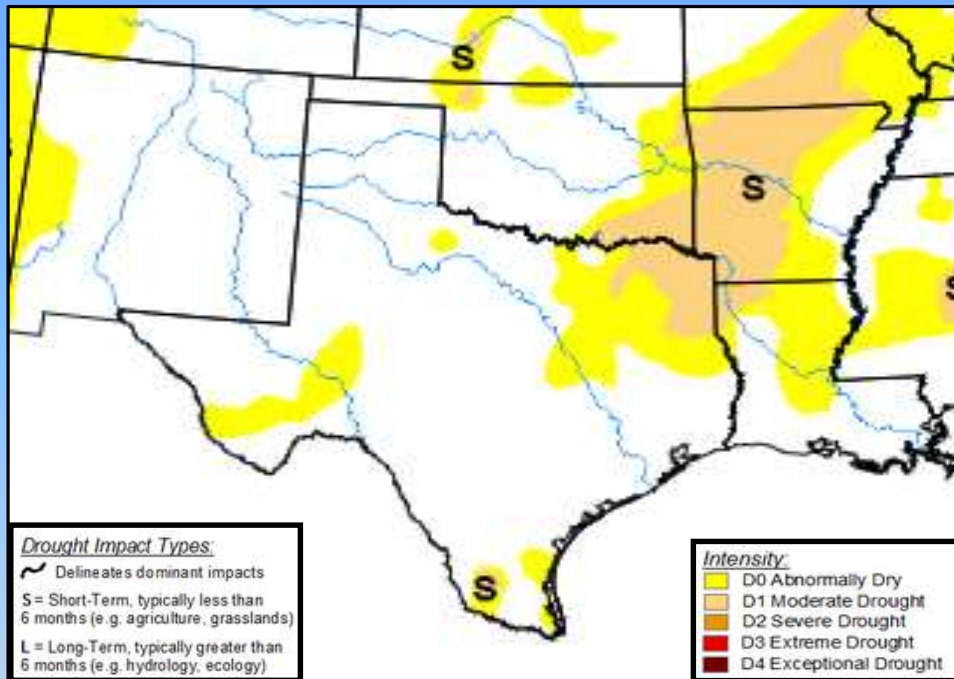


*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Drought Monitor Released October 26, 2017

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday, October 24, 2017



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

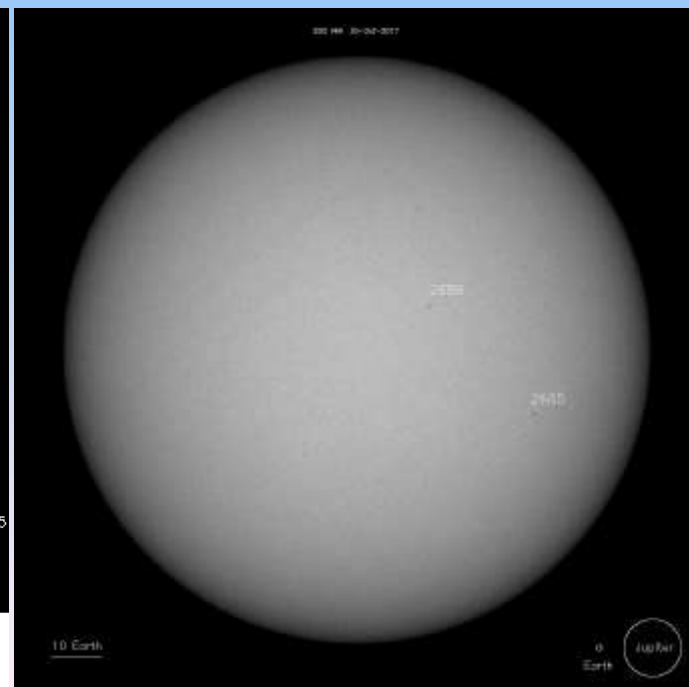
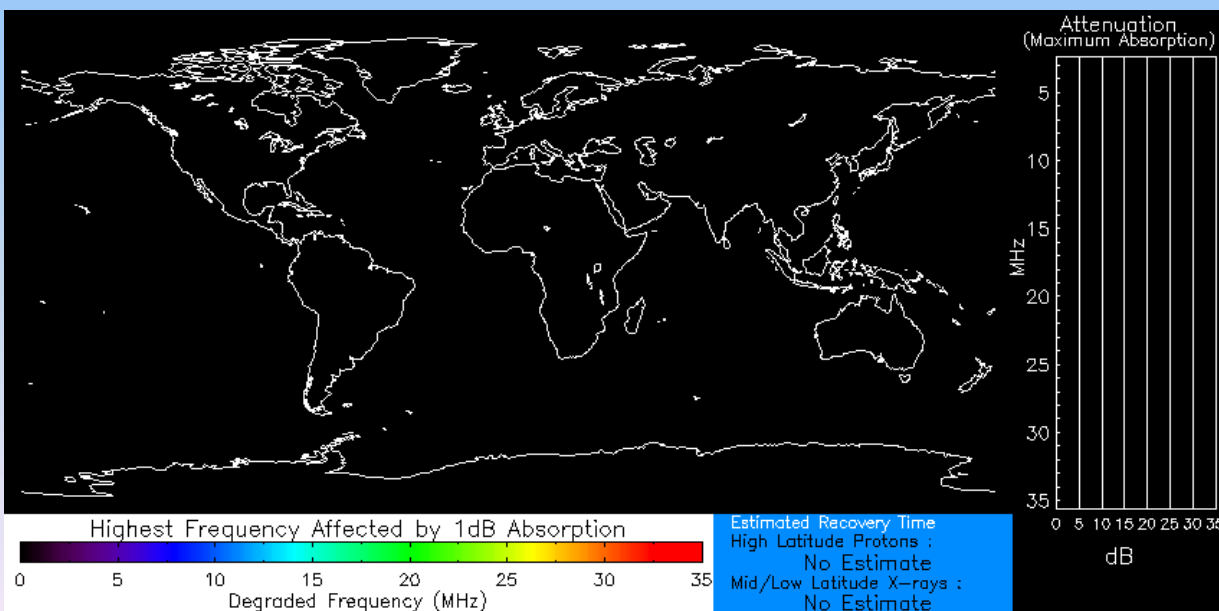
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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E-mail: sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov
Web: <http://www.weather.gov/srh> (**NEW link!!**)

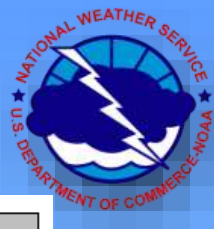
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Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms